



Virginia Community Reentry Program



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- The Virginia Community Reentry Program is an approach to reentry that grew out of the Commonwealth's participation in the Reentry Policy Academy of the National Governors Association.



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- The National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices worked with Virginia and seven other states selected to participate in its Prisoner Reentry Policy Academy
- Virginia's Policy Academy project team brought together representatives of the agencies and organizations that deliver services to persons previously incarcerated and their families



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- The state re-entry team worked with stakeholders to identify and prioritize re-entry barriers and needs
- Four subcommittees were then established based on broad categorizations of need or barriers to successful re-entry



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- Employment – Education (Workforce Development)
- Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
- Financial Obligations, Housing & Community Resources
- Family and Community Reintegration



Virginia Community Reentry Program

- Integrates Human Services and Public Safety
- Addresses Both System Change & Service Needs
- Developed Around Four Primary Principles:
 - Pre-release planning
 - Interagency/governmental level coordination
 - Integrated service delivery
 - Positive links to community with system of family and community support



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- Communities Establish Reentry Councils. Local Human Services Directors, Probation & Parole Chiefs and/or Community Partner Agencies Serve as Conveners



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- Brings Together Law Enforcement, Local Human Services, Community Service Boards, Workforce Investment Boards, Non-profits and Faith Based, Business Community, Along With Probation Office and Others to Coordinate Pre and Post-release Services With the Offender and Correctional Center/Jail



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- Uses a Risk Assessment and Outcomes Focused service Delivery System to Improve Public Safety Through Reduced Recidivism
- Individual and Family-to-Family Mentoring During the Pre-release Phase and for 12 Months Following Return to the Community
- Mentors May Also Serve as Coaches for Those Returning to Help Them With Life Skills or Specific Skills Development Such as Job Interviewing or Completion of a G.E.D.



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■ Core Reentry Activities Include:

- ☐ Linkage to Employment /Workforce Development Services
- ☐ Assistance With Locating Housing Resources
- ☐ Help With Connecting to Transportation
- ☐ Connection to Health/Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services
- ☐ Family Reintegration Services



Virginia Community Reentry Program

- Currently Operating in 7 areas of the Commonwealth.
 - ☐ Norfolk
 - ☐ Richmond City
 - ☐ Culpeper
 - ☐ King George
 - ☐ Greensville/Emporia (Special Project)
 - ☐ Charlottesville/Albemarle
 - ☐ Southwest Virginia



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- Norfolk – Partners With Greensville, Fluvanna, Indian Creek and Local Jail
- Richmond City – Partners With Powhatan, Fluvanna, James River, the Richmond City Jail and expanding to Virginia Correctional Center for Women
- Culpeper – Partners With Coffeewood, Fluvanna and the Local Jail
- King George – Partners Haynesville Correctional Center (Pre-release) – Any/all correctional centers post release
- Greensville/Emporia – Partners With Greensville Correctional Center With Focus on Special/Medical Needs
- Charlottesville/Albemarle – Partners With Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail
- Southwest Virginia – Partners With Federal Court and Regional Jails to Establish Substance Abuse Recovery Programs That Include Developing and Implementing Reentry Plans

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LOCAL REENTRY COUNCILS

King George & PD16 Community
Reentry Program & Council

Richmond Regional
Community
Reentry Program & Council

Norfolk Community Reentry
Program & Council

Southwestern Virginia
Community Reentry Program
and Council

Charlottesville/ Albemarle
Community Reentry Program
and Council

Culpeper Area Community
Reentry Program & Council

Greensville-Emporia Community
Reentry Program & Council

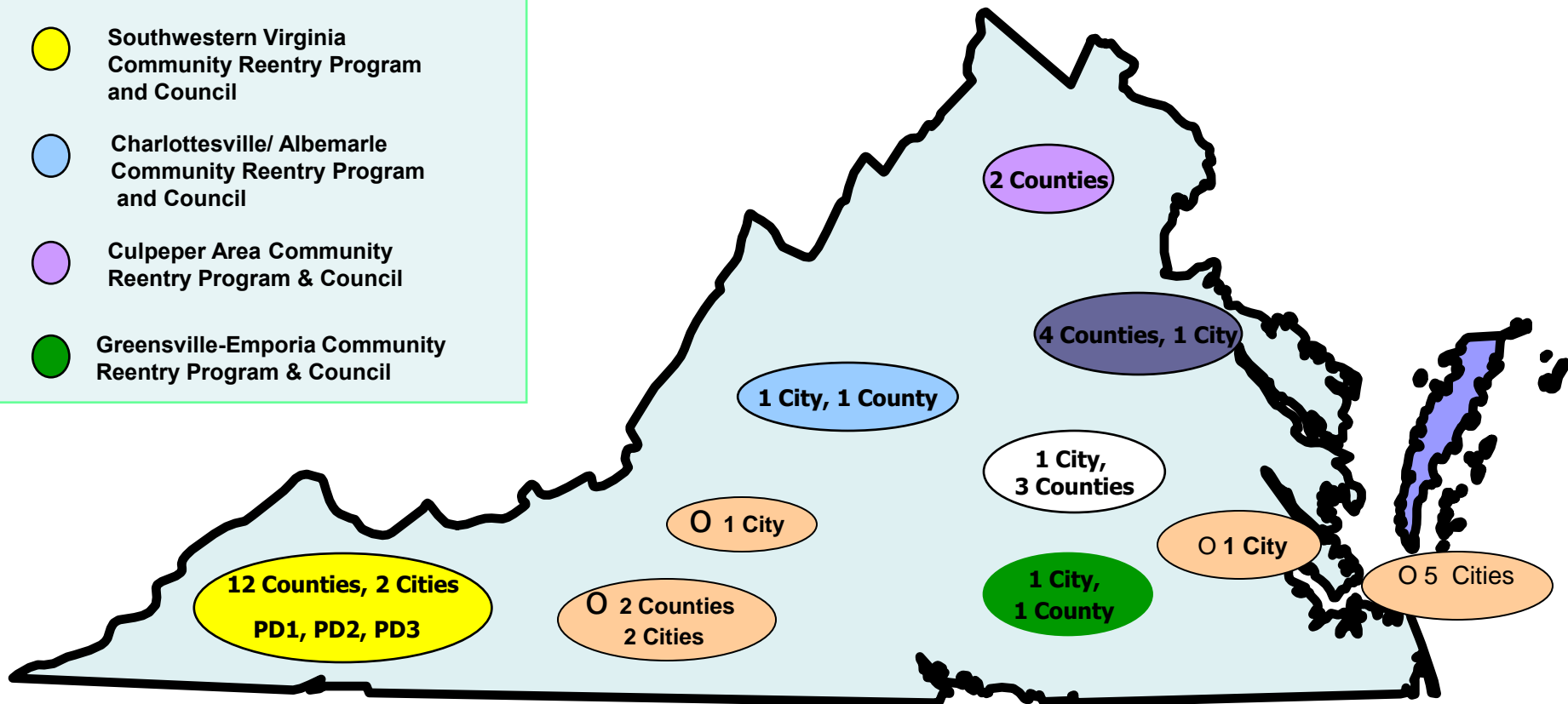
Council Formation Underway:

Newport News & South Hampton Roads
(Hampton, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Virginia
Beach, Chesapeake)

Petersburg

Danville/Martinsville Area

Roanoke

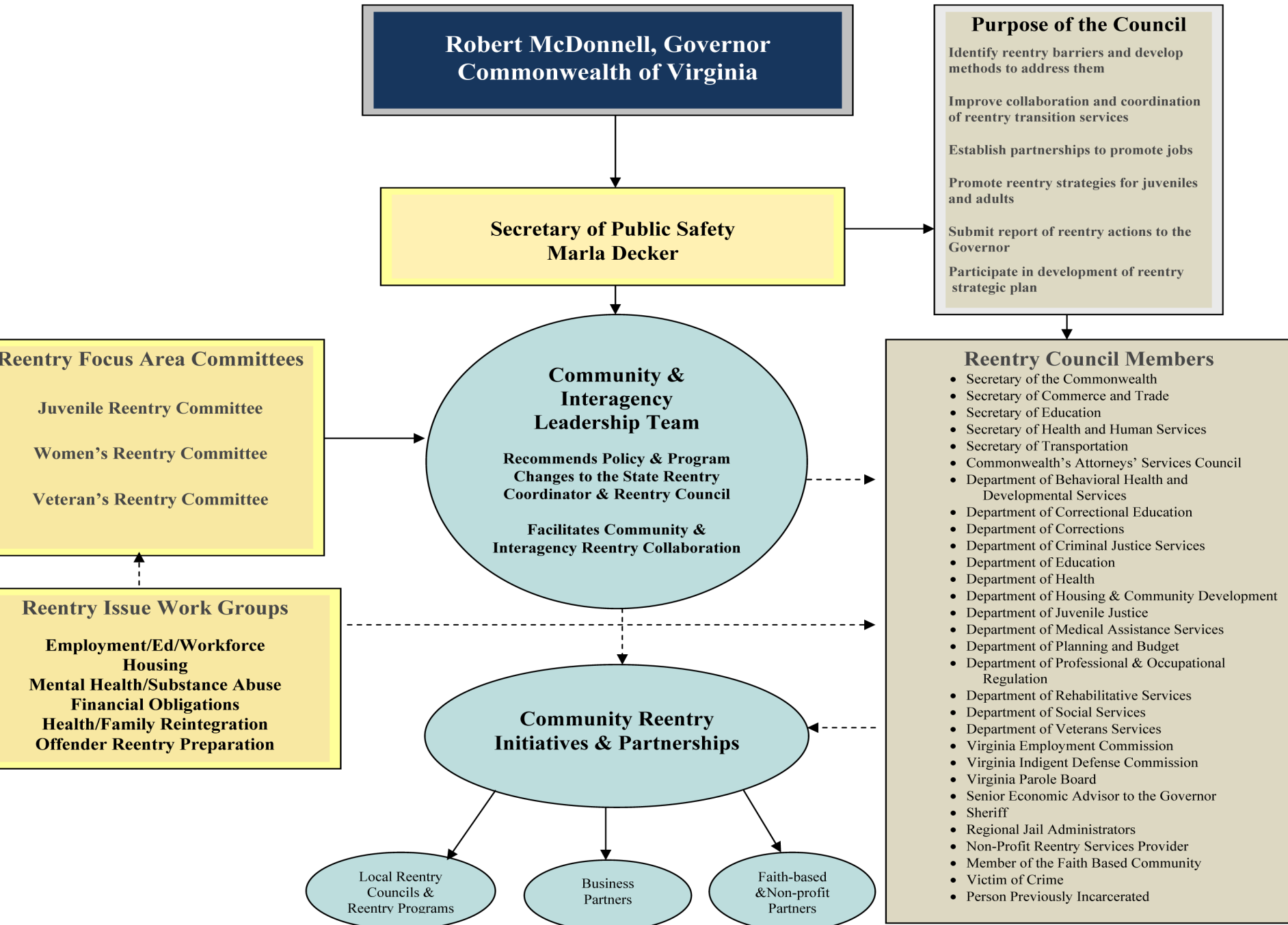




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- 2010 Executive Order 11:
Governor Robert McDonnell established the Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Offender Re-entry Council
- Council charge:
Identify re-entry barriers and develop methods to address them; improve collaboration and coordination of re-entry transition services; establish partnerships to promote jobs; promote re-entry strategies for juveniles and adults; participate in the development of the state re-entry strategic plan; and submit a report of re-entry actions to the Governor

Virginia Prisoner & Juvenile Offender Reentry Council





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